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not available in the area in which the veteran resides, or if they are available but not accessible to the veteran, other arrangements may be made. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Relocation of the veteran to another area in which necessary services are available, or
- (2) Use of an individual instructor to provide necessary training as provided under § 21.146 of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b))

### EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF REHABILITATION POTENTIAL

#### § 21.6140 Evaluation and improvement of rehabilitation potential.

(a) *General.* The services described in paragraph (d) of this section may be used to:

- (1) Evaluate rehabilitation potential;
- (2) Provide a basis for planning:
  - (i) A program of services and assistance to improve the veteran's potential for vocational rehabilitation; or
  - (ii) A vocational training program; and
- (3) Reevaluate the vocational training potential of a veteran participating in a rehabilitation program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(a))

(b) *Periods during which evaluation and improvement services may be provided.* Services described in paragraph (d) of this section may be provided during:

- (1) An evaluation or reevaluation;
- (2) Rehabilitation to the point of employability;
- (3) Employment services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(c) *Duration of services.* The duration of services needed to improve rehabilitation potential, furnished on a full-time basis either as a preliminary part of the period of rehabilitation to the point of employability or as the total program, may not exceed 9 months. If these services are furnished on a less than full-time basis the duration will be for the period necessary, but may

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not exceed the equivalent of 9 months of full-time training. See § 21.6310.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(d) *Scope of services.* Evaluation and improvement services include:

- (1) Diagnostic services;
- (2) Personal and work adjustment training;
- (3) Medical care and treatment;
- (4) Independent living services indispensable to pursuing a vocational training program;
- (5) Language training, speech and voice correction, training in ambulation, and one-hand typewriting;
- (6) Orientation, adjustment, mobility and related services; and
- (7) Other appropriate services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(e) *Applicability of chapter 31 rules.* The provisions of § 21.140 of this part are not applicable to this temporary program. The provisions of § 21.142 through § 21.156 of this part are applicable, subject to provisions of this section.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

### INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

#### § 21.6160 Independent living services.

(a) *Services must be part of a vocational training program.* Independent living services may be provided as a part of a veteran's IWRP when such services are indispensable to the achievement of the vocational goal, but may not be provided as the sole program of rehabilitation for the veteran, since a vocational training program for the veteran must be found reasonably feasible before the IWRP is prepared.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(b) *Independent living services which may be furnished under this program.* The independent living services which may be furnished include:

- (1) Training in independent living skills;
- (2) Health management programs;
- (3) Identification of appropriate housing accommodations; and

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(4) Personal care service for a transitional period not to exceed two months.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b))

(c) *Coordination with other VA elements and other Federal, State, and local programs.* Provision of independent living services and assistance will generally require extensive coordination with other VA and non-VA programs. The resources of VA medical centers shall be utilized as prescribed in § 21.6242 of this part. If appropriate arrangements cannot be made to provide these services through VA medical centers, other governmental and private nonprofit programs may be used to secure necessary services if the facility or individual providing services meets the requirements of § 21.294 of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 523, 1524(b))

(d) *Applicability of chapter 31 rules.* Neither § 21.160 nor § 21.162 of this part are applicable to provision of independent living services under this program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b))

### CASE STATUS SYSTEM

#### § 21.6180 Case status system.

(a) *General.* The case status system used in administering benefits under the chapter 31 program, as provided in § 21.180 through § 21.198 of this part, will be utilized in a similar manner in this program subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(b) *Limitations of applicability of chapter 31 rules.* (1) The provisions of § 21.180(e)(2) and (3), § 21.188, and § 21.192 of this part are not applicable to this temporary program;

(2) Other incidental references to service-connected disability Chapter 31, *extended evaluation* status, or *independent living* status or other services precluded under § 21.6060(b) of this part, found in § 21.180 to § 21.198 of this part,

are not for application to this temporary program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

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### SUPPLIES

#### § 21.6210 Supplies.

(a) *Purpose of furnishing supplies.* Supplies are furnished to enable a veteran to pursue training, obtain and maintain employment and achieve the goals of his or her program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(b) *Definition.* The term *supplies* includes books, tools and other supplies and equipment which VA determines are necessary for the veteran's vocational training program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3104(a))

(c) *Periods during which supplies may be furnished.* Supplies may be furnished to a veteran receiving:

- (1) An evaluation or reevaluation;
- (2) Rehabilitation to the point of employability; or
- (3) Employment services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))

(d) *Applicability of 38 U.S.C. chapter 31 regulations.* The provisions of § 21.210 of this part are not applicable to veterans in this temporary program. The provisions of § 21.212 through § 21.224 of this part are applicable to veterans pursuing vocational training and employment under this program in a similar manner as under chapter 31, except the portions thereof noted as follows:

- (1) Section 21.216(a)(3) of this part pertaining to special modifications, including automobile adaptive equipment;
- (2) Section 21.220(a)(1) of this part pertaining to advancements from the revolving fund loan;
- (3) Section 21.222(b)(x) of this part pertaining to a veteran discontinued from an independent living services program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1524(b)(2))